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Minutes
December 16, 2015

IFT Subcommittee – Did not meet this month

Members Present – Dr. Kendall, Dr. Pieh, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Sholl, Dr. Jalbuena, Dr. Couture, Dr. Busko,

Members Absent – No current Aroostook rep.

- 1) Called to order 0945
- 2) Introductions
- 3) November 2015 Minutes – Dr. Jalbuena motioned to approve, Dr. Couture seconded - Unanimous
- 4) State/Community Paramedicine Update – Shaun St. Germain
 - a. Phase 1 report has been completed by the Muskie School. There will be a workgroup meeting scheduled after the holidays to discuss the results and plan the work for phase 2.
 - i. Dr. Sholl reminded the group that the ability to create a plan for reimbursement is based on demonstrated cost savings to the healthcare system.
 - b. More robust background checks are a topic of interest to the Maine EMS staff and the Board of EMS is interested in staff continuing to look into this matter and consider an implementation plan.
- 5) New Devices – None
- 6) Special Circumstances Protocols – None
- 7) PEGASUS Update – Dr. Sholl updated the group on the current status of PEGASUS and next steps. Manuscripts will be published at some time in 2016. The initial plan of a January supplement was not seen as feasible.
- 8) Protocol Discussion - All
 - a. Update 2015 Protocols – status of in-person and online training – Sholl/Sheets/Powers
 - i. 3350 providers have currently completed the protocol update 8.57% completed the training in person – remainder performed the training on-line.
 - ii. Some people were unhappy about having to complete the quiz online but overall there was positive feedback.
 - iii. Discussion re: reports that could be run by regional offices to work with services on which providers have completed the training. MEMS staff looking into this.
 - iv. Generally positive feedback but some EMT level services are still concerned about naloxone.
 - v. Discussion about the issues of providers not completing training and services have been asking Maine EMS to take control of this.
 - b. Timeline for 2017 protocols –
 - i. MDPB opted to keep the December 1 go live date and 3-month training window
 - ii. The education committee would like to have the product for their May 2017 meeting which would require the MDPB to be complete with their work in April.
 - iii. The MDPB will start their review in May of 2016
 - iv. Discussion regarding how the MDPB engages with providers and other stakeholders?
 1. Dr. Busko asked if we should create a public forum for comment.

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- a. There was a lot of concern about the culture of Facebook and online forums and individual's professionalism in these areas.
 - i. MEMS Staff to look into other mechanisms to host a forum regarding the protocol update process
 - 2. Otherwise, will continue to advertise the process calendar, accept comments from interested parties and host pre-meeting conference calls.
 - 3. Dr. Busko suggested that we also update the draft as we go so people can comment on it as we go. Don and Matt will look into different software packages that may improve the facilitation of this.
 - 4. How do we work to find alignment in the New England Protocols while preserving the process we are utilizing in Maine?
 - a. Dr. Sholl suggests that we do this in a similar approach to PEGASUS and take another section of protocols and find similarity in these patients specifically with our New England Partners
 - i. STEMI - Dr. Jalbuena
 - ii. Stroke - Dr. Pieh
 - iii. Cardiac Arrest - Dr. Zimmerman
 - iv. Seizure - Dr. Kendall
 - v. Respiratory distress - Dr. Busko
 - vi. Sepsis - Dr. Couture
 - b. Dr. Busko was interested in doubling up on these topics as he feels that this process has benefit for all of the medical directors.
 - c. Consideration of section leaders – The group wants to start looking at developing a rotation to get new reviewers considering each section.
 - i. Eccymosis - Dr. Sholl
 - ii. Blue - Dr. Busko
 - iii. Red - Dr. Zimmerman
 - iv. Gold - Dr. Couture
 - v. Green - Dr. Kendall
 - vi. Yellow - Dr. Jalbuena
 - vii. Pink - Dr. Pieh
- 9) IFT work with the MHA Quality Forum – Update from recent meeting, Dr. Sholl, Shaun St. Germain, Don Sheets, Dr. Pieh, Dr. Dinerman
- a. The group wanted to remind those present that we are discussing interfacility transports only.
 - b. There was expressed concern by the MHA members about a “guideline” becoming a legal benchmark and considered standard of care.
 - c. There was additional concern about Maine EMS being part of the reporting mechanism related to potential issues as there is a perception of MEMS having a regulatory function only.
 - d. The MHA acknowledged that hospitals have a role in IFT's and do need to take responsibility for these events
 - e. There was a final consensus to put together an IFT summit to engage hospitals and EMS in a joint conversation about how we move our system forward.
 - f. Dr. Sholl, Shaun and Sandy Parker will be working to put together the summit in the next 6 months. There is to consideration to develop a group like the Trauma Advisory Committee with a technical assistance team that could go out and provide guidance and review of hospital decision processes.
 - g. Dr. Sholl and Don will be working to ensure the decision matrix is updated to reflect current practice and decisions made by the MDPB
 - h. Discussion re: the disparate practice between services related to ventilator use. Dr Sholl suggested reorganizing the IFT subcommittee to begin reviewing this.

- 10) Follow Up and Discussion re: recruitment into currently empty spots on the MDPB and future open spots on the MDPB – Sholl
 - a. Status of job descriptions – This is still being worked on. We have received some feedback from the MDPB including interview questions.
 - b. Proposed process to publicize – working with the state board of pharmacists, ACEP, MHA and the regional offices to get the message out to as wide a group as possible.
- 11) Medical Director Manual – update – Shaun St. Germain – no update
- 12) Discussion – MDPB work plan and MDPB retreat – All
 - a. Ideas for work-plan should be brought forth at the next meeting to assist in creating an agenda for the retreat.
- 13) Old Business
 - a. Ops – Working on the EMS week insert, list of topics has been created, funding is holding consistent to our past.
 - i. Ken Albert will be attending the January meeting to discuss areas where we can work more collaboratively.
 - ii. Other future projects are being discussed.
 - b. Education – Working to finish up some projects that have taken a back burner while working through the protocol updates
 - c. QI – work is ongoing with the no transport project.

Adjourned: 1200